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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuhiko OBAE et al.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 2, 2009, and having a period for response set to expire on July 2, 2009.

Amendments to the claims are provided under the heading **Listing of the Claims** beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.